

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator SINGLETON, Assemblyman CONAWAY and Assemblywoman MURPHY

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to join the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, highly esteemed in the Garden State, in the observation of National Poison Prevention Week, which will take place from March 17 to 23, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey, outnumbering motor vehicle deaths and those attributed to firearms; and,

WHEREAS, Defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way, or by the wrong person, poisoning is preventable, and poison centers across the country work tirelessly to raise awareness of the dangers of common poison hazards in the home and workplace; and,

WHEREAS, Although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five years of age or younger, the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults between the ages of twenty to fifty-nine, and in this State, the poison attributed to ninety-six percent of unintentional deaths is drugs; and,

WHEREAS, Lead poisoning, which can cause significant and permanent damage to the health and well-being of a young child, remains a major public health concern, and poison experts urge residents to utilize the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, or NJPIES, a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Rutgers School of Medicine, to find the most accurate life-saving information about poison prevention; and,

WHEREAS, The services provided by NJPIES are free, confidential, multilingual, and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year; and,

WHEREAS, It is both proper and fitting for this Legislature to pause in its deliberations to recognize National Poison Prevention Week, and to salute the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System for its unwavering commitment to the safety of our citizenry; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby notes the occurrence of National Poison Prevention Week, and urges all New Jerseyans to participate fittingly in its observation from March 17 to 23, 2019; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System.


Attest:



I, _____,
Secretary of the Senate



I, _____,
Clerk of the General Assembly


Stephen M. Sweeney
President of the Senate


Craig I. Coughlin
Speaker of the General Assembly